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Attorney Docket No. MIT-214-CON

First Inventor Steven M. Bowman

Title GRAFT FIXATION DEVICE COMBINATION

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)**
(submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
- Specification [Total Pages 27]**
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 - Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s)(35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 28]**
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
 - Newly executed (original or copy)
 - Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/056,534, filed January 24, 2002.

Prior application information: Examiner P. Philogene Group Art Unit: 3732

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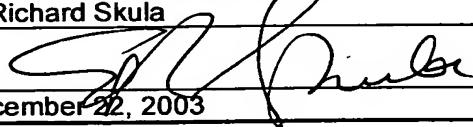
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FEE CALCULATION

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003 for one(1) month(s) from November 26, 2003 to December 26, 2003. A Continuation responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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